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Luftnachrichtenschule and Fliegerhorst, Halle (M 52/D 92)

1. The excavation work in the area of the hills known as Brandberge was continued. The number of laborers employed at the Luftnachrichtenschule had been greatly reduced. The construction office sign had been removed. All buildings of the Nervenanstalt (the neurotic hospital), the officers club, the main building, the heating plant of the Luftnachrichtenschule and the fence around the barracks and the Fliegerhorst had been reconditioned. There was no construction work in progress at the airfield or at the Fliegerhorst Kaserne. It was rumored in Halle that about 600 apartments near the Luftnachrichtenschule would have to be vacated. The Halle billeting office re-inventoried the city housing. The three-mast and six-mast radio stations of the Luftnachrichtenschule were not in operation.
2. A radio station and a telephone exchange were established on the 40-meter plateau at Doelauer Heide. The radio station has three 15-meter masts with a comb-like gear and a top, presumably a coil which is about one meter high, two meters wide and 20 to 30 centimeters thick. A gasoline-powered charging unit, standing beside the masts, was running continuously. The operating personnel were air force soldiers. A telephone exchange was about 50 meters from the masts.
3. A camp consisting of 36 tents was located near the radio installations. Each tent had a capacity of 20 to 30 men. Truck [ ] was parked near the tents. Several double leads ran from the telephone exchange to a switching truck standing at a point slightly southeast of the radio station. The truck had a box-like superstructure and mounted a 4-meter rod antenna. Jeep [ ] was parked nearby. A camp of about 50 tents was located in the eastern section of the barracks. Truck [ ] was at the smaller camp. A power-current cable leading to Lettin was tapped and the branch cable led to the barracks.

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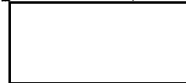
4. The impression was received that the troops previously quartered in the Luftnachrichtenschule had completely evacuated. The guards at the gate probably belonged to the troops which had moved in recently.
5. The Fliegerhorst Kaserne seemed to be partially occupied by rear details from the units previously stationed there. Motor vehicles of units previously quartered in the Luftnachrichtenschule were seen at the Fliegerhorst Kaserne.
6. Motor vehicle traffic and traffic-control posts indicated that the Luftnachrichtenschule has been occupied by new troops since 18 May 1950. Only the buildings to the right of the main gate were illuminated during the evenings prior to 20 May 1950.
7. Troops observed near the Luftnachrichtenschule and at the barracks wore the following service colors and insignia:
  - Black-bordered blue epaulets with air force insignia
  - Black-bordered blue epaulets without branch-of-service insignia
  - Red-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia
  - Red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia
  - Red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia
  - Black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia
  - Black-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia
  - Red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia
  - Red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia
  - Blue-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia
 It was believed that some of the troops were there to do construction work near the Luftnachrichtenschule.
8. Troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia strung a telephone line near the police-dog station. Truck [redacted] was parked there. Trucks [redacted] carrying troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia, and telephone equipment, were seen at the southern Brandberge.
9. Soldiers directing traffic were at road intersections and cross-roads between 18 and 20 May 1950. Truck [redacted] was parked beside the soldier directing traffic coming from the direction of Magdeburg. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen. The latter vehicle was a passenger car occupied by a three star general.
10. Motor vehicles coming from the direction of Berlin included six jeeps and one truck [redacted] nine passenger cars [redacted] one passenger car [redacted] and two trucks [redacted] Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen near the soldier directing traffic at the barracks.
11. Four passenger cars, occupied by four generals, were observed during a period of one hour on 19 May 1950. The cars [redacted] entered the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, [redacted] which entered the Fliegerhorst Kaserne five minutes later, and [redacted]

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[redacted] which came from the direction of Halle-Kroellwitz, and stopped at the traffic-control post on Hubertusplatz before returning to Kroellwitz.

12. Three or four high-wing monoplanes and about 27 biplanes were seen at the airfield on 19 May 1950. They seemed to be courier aircraft. The condition of the airfield precluded any landings of aircraft other than the types mentioned. Three tank trucks and one standard truck were parked near the aircraft. Nine 4-meter-long and 2-meter-high tents were located nearby. Sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets patrolled the area around the airfield.

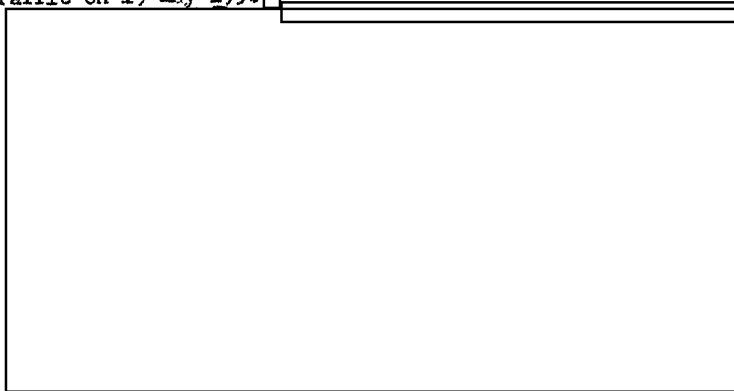
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13. Motor vehicles [redacted] were observed in the barracks traffic on 19 May 1950 [redacted]

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Flak-Kaserne, Kuermlitz

14. [redacted]

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15. A guard detail of no more than one company was quartered in the barracks on 20 May 1950. Motor vehicles seen [redacted]

Kluever Kaserne.

16. Troops seen wore black-bordered red epaulets, red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia, red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia, and blue-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia.

17. The barracks seemed to be occupied by about 150 men.

Reil Kaserne.

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18. Still occupied by 500 soldiers belonging to MVD units. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen.

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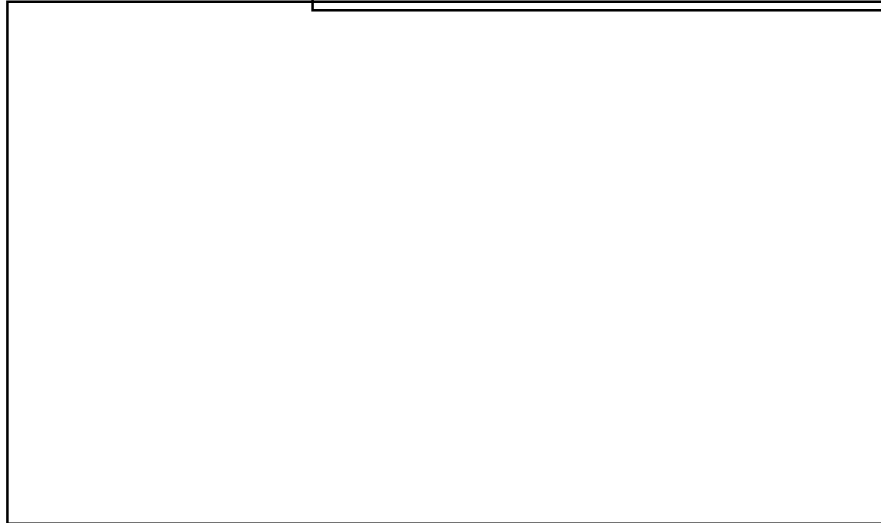
The information on the Luftnachrichtenschule confirms observations made [redacted] between 27 April and 4 May 1950. [redacted] The report indicates that, after the reconditioning of the Luftnachrichtenschule was completed on schedule by 15 May 1950, new troops started moving in. It is possible that the installation was occupied either by elements (?) of the Hq SCC (Soviet Control Commission) Germany or elements (?) of the Karlshorst Hq Chief of Rear Services of GORC, or that a staff was formed which was to prepare and direct large-scale maneuvers in the Saxon area in the late Summer or in the Fall of 1950. Motor vehicles [redacted] were observed in Halle, particularly at the Luftnachrichten Kaserne, after the end of April 1950. [redacted]

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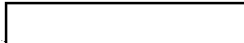
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The report indicates that the occupation of the other Halle barracks was unchanged on 20 May 1950. [redacted]



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